

CZAR AIDS PEASANTS

Ukase Gives Greater Liberty to Soil-tilling Classes.

DOUMA IGNORED BY NICHOLAS

Industrious Laborers Will Be Freed of Burdens of Communal System. Expected That New Move Will Mean Severance of Half-hearted Alliance of Peasants and Radicals.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 25.—A ukase issued by the czar to the peasants was published to-day. It constitutes the entire essence of the government's programme, which aims at the separation of the peasants from all other branches of political agitation.

The government by issuing the ukase now seeks to demonstrate that the emperor is willing to remedy the peasants' grievances without regard to the Duma. Recognition of this fact has already evoked angry protests from Kovalsky, the liberal leader, that the national problem, namely, land tenure, should be dealt with by the executive but the government without the co-operation of the Duma.

The substance of the ukase is that a peasant may abandon his share of the communal ownership of village land and become an individual freeholder. The peasants have always complained of the oppressive illegalities introduced at the establishment of communes upon the liberation of the serfs in 1861, which have increased greatly during the present reign.

Communal Plan Fails.
Communal ownership was described to them when it was first introduced as a temporary expedient for securing the redemption payments for land grants to the newly liberated serfs, but actually it came to mean that the industrious peasants paid their share, while the thriftless paid nothing.

When the commune payments fell into arrears the entire commune was assessed, which meant that the industrious paid twice and the thriftless again paid nothing.

The infiquity of the system was further increased by the opportunities it gave provincial officials to declare that part of the commune land was for sale to satisfy unpaid assessments, a scheme that was worked by willfully confused book-keeping. These officials could always resort to this expedient when they wanted to exact money from the peasants who possessed any.

In Hands of Local Officials.

Unfortunately, the interpretation of to-day's ukase, which comprises eighteen lengthy technical clauses, remains largely in the hands of local officials. It is a great decree, however, freeing the peasant from the wretched thralldom of the present communal system and offering the possibility of peasant proprietorship. It is perfectly clear that its effect in the coming election will probably be the return of non-party peasants to the next Duma.

Their class has never joined heartily in the radical parliamentary movement, and they will doubtless prefer to scrutinize from an independent position the benefits promised by to-day's ukase.

LIFE MEN TRIAL TO OPEN.

Mutual Reserve Officials Must Appear in Court To-day.

New York, Nov. 25.—Frederick A. Burnham, president of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company; his brother, George Burnham, Jr., and George D. Elbridge, vice president of the company, will be called for trial to-morrow before Justice Greenbaum in the Supreme Court, criminal branch. There are five indictments against each for forgery and larceny.

The two Burnhams and Elbridge are accused of having misappropriated the funds of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association, which was the name of the Mutual Reserve in 1901.

It is charged that they took the money from the company's funds, and that the entries were made in the books of the company under their direction to cover the outlay.

SHOOT AT ESCAPED CONVICT.

Farmer Surprises Fugitive Trying to Steal Horse and Wagon.

Monroe, Me., Nov. 25.—That Minot St. Clair Francis, the much-hunted convict, was hard pressed and liable to capture at any minute was the opinion to-day of the score of officers in this county and many local people who are pursuing him. James Wormley fired at a man whom he believed to be Francis and frightened him away while he was attempting to steal a horse and wagon at a stable near East Seaboard, before daylight to-day. The thief had broken open a stable door, and a light wagon was hauled to a field about 20 rods away. Then a horse was led to the field. When discovered, the invader was searching in the barn for a harness.

Cars Running in Hamilton.

Hamilton, Ontario, Nov. 25.—To-day passed quietly after last night's most unusual scenes of riot by the injuring of many of the participants. Whether this normal aspect is due to the mob's respect for Sunday, or to Col. Denison's threat to clear the streets at any cost on the least sign of disturbance, the main thoroughfares of Hamilton are quiet to-night, although crowded with people. The cars are running undisturbed.

Wealthy Farmer Killed by Car.

Ralston, Pa., Nov. 25.—Alexander B. Stewart, a wealthy farmer, seventy-two years of age, was struck and instantly killed by a Schenectady car near this village yesterday. Mr. Stewart did not see the car coming, and so great was the force that his head was driven through the side of the platform near which he was standing.

Learns of Death on Way to Funeral.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 25.—While speeding from Norfolk to Erie, Pa., to-night, to attend the funeral of his father, whose death occurred to-day, Steve Seelinger received a telegram announcing the sudden death of his wife here from heart failure.

Women Hurt in Subway Collision.

New York, Nov. 25.—A subway express and a local of the Lenox avenue line collided this afternoon at the 118th street station. Two women were injured and several other passengers got a shaking up.

King George May Visit Pope.

Rome, Nov. 25.—King George of Greece, who is visiting King Victor Emanuel, has not yet visited the Pope. It is stated that he may do so to-morrow if his majesty's departure is postponed.

H. H. Hurley Is Dead.

Worcester, Mass., Nov. 25.—H. H. Hurley, a widely known sportsman and aquatic man, is dead. He had been ill for some time.

PAROLED TO AID FAMILY.

Prisoner's Wife Dies, and He Must Provide for His Children.

Mobile, Ala., Nov. 25.—Gov. Jelks has paroled George Teague, of Crenshaw County, from November 24 to December 10, that he may go back to his home and provide for his children. It was shown to the governor that since the conviction of Teague for assault to murder, in the spring of 1905, his wife had died and left his children to the mercy of the public. He is allowed this furlough that he may go home and place them in families. He has a sentence of five years. The parole was recommended by the board of pardons.

ITALY TO TAX ART EXPORTS.

New Bill Would Have Government Buy Objects on Sale.

Rome, Nov. 25.—A new law will be submitted to Parliament before Christmas for the purpose of preventing the sale and exportation from Italy of ancient objects of art.

The law provides an export tax of 20 per cent on valuable objects placed for sale at the disposal of the ministry of public instruction for the purchase by the government of all objects of art placed on sale by dealers or owners.

CONSIGNS LOVE TO SCRAP HEAP

Americans Told to Forget Hallucinations About Little Cupid.

Prof. Grinker, of Chicago, Wants Life Partners Chosen as Cattleman Select Their Stock.

Chicago, Nov. 25.—"If Americans would keep the coming generation from inheriting madhouses they should abolish indiscriminate marriage, forget that hallucination called love, and choose their life partners as a successful cattleman chooses his stock," is the advice of Prof. Julius Grinker, of the Chicago Post-graduate Medical School, in an address on "American nervousness," before the Chicago Medical Society.

"Love is a hallucination provided by nature to cause men and women to mate and procreate the species. But it should be thrust into the scrap heap of worn-out adages if posterity is to be taken into consideration."

"There should be a law compelling men and women to undergo a physical examination and submit the records of their ancestors before marriage."

"We see thousands of nervous women on the streets every day, and ninety-nine in every hundred should be in sanatoriums. The shopping habit is one of the great causes."

"When a man marries he should choose his wife as she chooses a new dress."

WEAR HIGH COLLAR, LOAF.

London Paper Protests Against Policy in Government Circles.

London, Nov. 25.—The Civil Service Gazette protests against the prevalence of high-collar worship in the government departments. It says that some of the highest officials always extend the heartiest welcome to men who devote themselves entirely to their collars, because their smartness gives tone to the office.

They are not greatly concerned if the wearers are small workers, because mere office work can safely be left to the hard-working fellows, who care little about the depths of their collars.

Men of the favored type, says the Gazette, are always exactly alike. Their collars and cuffs shine with the same brilliancy, and their eyes have the same vacant look.

The Gazette says it mercifully does not reproduce a simile of a donkey looking over a whitewashed wall.

KILLED ON WAY TO FUNERAL.

Woman, Whose Sister Had Died, Is Victim of Trolley Accident.

Pittsfield, Mass., Nov. 25.—One passenger was killed and seven others injured, one fatally, as the result of a trolley car accident on the Street Railway Company's overturning to-day.

James Patrick Scanlon was killed, and James L. Bacon, of Pittsfield, a director of the company, received a severe scalp wound. The accident occurred through a rock in the groove of the rails causing the wheels of the car to jump the track, the car skidding down a three-foot embankment and crashing into a tree.

Mr. Scanlon was on his way to attend the funeral of his sister in Armenia, N. Y. She leaves a husband and ten children.

JUMP FROM BLAZING CAR.

One Man Dead and Many Hurt in Runaway Trolley.

New York, Nov. 25.—Twenty passengers were injured, one fatally, early to-day, in a panic when a trolley car of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company caught fire from electrical action. Flames came out of the controller box and drove the motorman off the car.

The car ran down grade a distance of ten blocks before it was brought to a stop.

A passenger, believed to be Harry Friedman, thirty-two years old, of 650 Rockaway avenue, died in the Bradford Street Hospital of a fractured skull. He jumped from the speeding car.

Most of the other victims received injuries by jumping. Several persons were seriously hurt and removed to the hospital for treatment.

Negro Arrested as a Slayer.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 25.—Malahia Williams, colored, charged with having fired several shots into a trolley car, September 11, killing James Hackney and Lee Lewis, also colored, was arrested this afternoon.

Rev. Sheldon to Go to England.

Topeka, Kans., Nov. 25.—The Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, author of "In His Steps," has accepted an invitation to go to England next March and spend three months in a temperance campaign.

Voted for the Feather Duster.

From the New York Sun.
This is a story that Gov.-elect Hughes tells on himself: One of his friends was getting his shoes shined by an Italian bootblack a few days before election.

"Who do you think will be elected?" he asked the shoe artist.

"I think da wis," said he tersely; and then he went on with his work.

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RIOTERS CLUB NEGRO

Colored Officer Starts Race War in Pittsburgh.

TRIES TO ARREST WHITE MAN

Crowd Interferes, Kicks Him About Street, and When Prisoner Escapes, Policeman, Backed by Friends, Charges on Whites—Will Probably Die as the Result of Beating.

Pittsburgh, Nov. 25.—Policeman James Butler, colored, is dying in the St. Francis Hospital, as the result of a race war precipitated by his attempt to arrest a white man named Purcell early this morning. The rioting occurred in a district populated largely by negro mill hands, and the reserves of the Lawrenceville police station were called out to suppress the disorder.

The negro policeman is said to have used unnecessary force in arresting Purcell. When several white men tried to remonstrate with him, Butler drew his revolver, and was promptly knocked down.

Purcell escaped, and the whites stood about offering no further violence. Butler got up, and made a rush for the whites. Several negroes ran to his aid and a battle resulted. Butler was again knocked down and kicked all over the street until he was unconscious.

Both sides were quickly augmented by allies attracted by the fight, and in a few minutes war was on in earnest between the whites and blacks. Clubs and stones were freely used.

A riot call brought the police and the disorder was soon quelled. About a dozen arrests were made. Butler is seriously injured and may die.

CALL LIFE-SAVERS COWARDS.

Charges Will Be Filed at Washington Against Crew at Holland.

Holland, Mich., Nov. 25.—Holding that the four men drowned in Wednesday's storm off the new Holland breakwater might have been rescued had a resolute effort been made to reach them, P. P. Schorback, of the Bennett-Schorback Company, the contractors on the breakwater, will prefer charges of cowardice and neglect at Washington, D. C., against the Holland life-savers crew.

Mr. Schorback will be joined in his complaint by N. P. Nelson, father of Assistant United States Inspector A. H. Nelson, of the life-saving service.

The four victims of the tragedy were turned in the crib in sight of shore. The life-boat put off to rescue them, but turned back, Schorback and Nelson say, when within half of the drowning men. The life-savers assert that the sea was such as to make further attempt to reach the craft suicide. The complainants say they will appeal to President Roosevelt himself if necessary.

CHICAGO BOYS BEST ON EARTH

Women's Clubs Say So, Therefore It Must Be True.

Take Offense at Boston Preacher's Criticism, and Remark that They Like the Strenuous Kind.

Chicago, Nov. 25.—Angered by the assertion of Dr. John Quincy Adams, of Boston, that Chicago boys are not up to the standard of the "Hub," the Cook County League of Women's Clubs has adopted resolutions declaring the Chicago youngsters the equal of any on earth.

Dr. Adams, in an address before the club last night, based his criticism of the Chicago boy on the effect of environment. "A street shows a little more to enter the P pipe and then resolutely pressed the key. The same squeaking, screeching sound came from the pipe, only this time it was louder, and the congregation restrained its amusement with more difficulty."

Soon for a third time the organist found himself compelled to strike the embarrasing note. In desperation he turned into the pipe the full force of air. The shrill shriek that followed surpassed the previous two for an instant and then suddenly ceased. There was a flutter of wings. The congregation laughed aloud as a much-battered sparrow flew out of the pipe and perched on a rafter.

PRANKS OF OPERA STARS.

Prima Donna All Broken Up When She Touched a Cream Puff.

From the New York Sun.
If there are any human beings more difficult to restrain in their pranks than operatic stars I should like to hear it," said a prominent manager. "Several of my stars are so prone to sudden outbursts of the cutup fever that I have been compelled to insert clauses in their contracts providing for heavy fines for such boyish leaping over the trees."

"There is, for instance, a tenor, one of the most famous in the world. During the last week of last season, after being good for a long time, he succumbed to temptation in singing a role in an Italian opera which calls for his handling to the prima donna at the end of a fervent love passage a small casket of jewels. The prima donna reached out her hand to take the jewels, preparing her breath and her nerve to begin the difficult aria in which she proclaims her joy at the assurance of his fingers sinking into a very moist cream puff."

BAN INCREASES SALE OF EVE.

Dictum Against Mark Twain's Book Makes It Popular.

Worcester, Mass., Nov. 25.—The court of last resort of Charlton, Mass., has decided that "Eva's Diary," by Mark Twain, must be placed under a bushel. This is because of the Garden of Eden costume in which is shown in the marginal etchings on the left hand pages.

There has been a big demand for the book at the library since Mrs. Carpenter noticed the peculiarities of the etchings, and when Mr. Williams has been informed that there is nothing doing they swarm over to the nearest bookstore and leave their orders.

TRUE PICTURE OF GOTHAM.

New Idea for a Postal Picture Card Suggested by New Yorker.

From the New York Press.
"I have a new idea for a picture postal card," said the tired-looking man. "I'd make it to represent the interior of an uptown flat. There ought to be millions of them on the market. They would sell. Every day people living here are asked by out-of-town acquaintances to send postal descriptive of New York life."

"There are hundreds of such cards for sale, but none of them gets right down to the very marrow of metropolitan conditions. It takes a flat to do that. Even persons who are perfectly familiar with the scenes represented on postal complaints that they cannot recognize the places."

"But just transfer to a postal card a drawing of a New York flat and there will be no mistake made as to the environment. Chuck a lot of bandboxes under the folding lounge, jam the baby's crib bang up against the buffet, hang a lot of clothes in every corner and on the walls for drapery, stack up a lot of illustrated books on the refrigerator and pile the piano high with miscellany, and there you are. Friends and acquaintances from Jersey City to Timbuctoo will exclaim at once: 'That's New York, all right!'"

JUNIOR AMERICANS LOSE.

Seceders from That Order Win Suit Involving Million and a Half.

Pittsburg, Nov. 25.—In the Orleans' Court, Judge James W. Over has decided in favor of the Order of Independent Americans, and against the Junior Order of American Mechanics, a case involving the disposal of more than \$1,500,000. He has dismissed the suit brought by the State Council of the Junior Order of American Mechanics against William S. J. Emery and others to secure possession of the funds of Duquesne Council, No. 110, Pittsburg, of the Order of Independent Americans, the decision being a victory for the latter.

The decision is of the greatest moment to 15,000 members in the Order of Independent Americans in Philadelphia, and 40,000 in the State, and it concerns the great membership of all fraternal orders.

Several years ago a number of councils broke away from the Junior Order, and the case just decided by the local courts has been in litigation ever since, and will affect all the councils of the order in the State that repudiated the Junior Order of American Mechanics and sought membership in the Order of Independent Americans. The opinion is sweeping.

TRADES BOY FOR A ROOSTER

Pennsylvania Family Turns in Four-Year-Old for Chicken.

Has Several More, While the Man With the Poultry Was Childless and Lonely.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Wilkesbarre, Pa., Nov. 25.—The price of roosters hasn't gone up in the Quakake Valley, but they do say that youngsters will come dearer now.

The Guidino family has just completed a trade with Hiram Krall, a childless farmer, and an old man, whereby he gets one of its numerous flock, a little curly-headed four-year-old boy, in return for a big rooster.

Krall and his wife had long wanted a boy, and often had admired the Guidino children. Yesterday the old man asked Guidino what he wanted for the chubby lad.

Guidino said he guessed a rooster would be about right. He left his son with the Kralls, apparently well satisfied with the deal.

FAITHFUL TO MALMED MAN.

Girl Insists on Carrying Out Agreement to Become Wife.

Malwaukee, Wis., Nov. 25.—Woman's constancy is exemplified in the romance of a couple now stopping at the Plankinton Hotel while on a wedding tour. They are Mr. and Mrs. George E. Nelson, of Ishpeming, Mich. Mrs. Nelson was the daughter of a wealthy resident of Ishpeming, and Nelson was a mining superintendent rapidly climbing the ladder of prosperity when they became engaged.

One day Nelson was handling a box of dynamite caps, when they exploded, tore off both hands and destroyed his eyesight. His fiancée nursed him back to health, and then insisted on carrying out their engagement of marriage, although the wounded man protested against such an unequal contract.

SPARROW IN THE PIPES.

Congregation Couldn't Understand Why Organ Emitted a Squeak.

From the New York World.
The organist of the Second Reformed Church, of Hackensack, N. J., ran his fingers lightly over the keys of his instrument as the church slowly filled for the service.

The sonorous harmonies echoed through the church until, in following his notes, the organist struck upon F. Instead of the full, rich tone which should have followed, there came an instant and sharp squeak. The congregation gasped in astonishment and then settled back in their pews determined to look as if nothing unusual had happened.

Even the Rev. Arthur Johnson, the pastor, looked on in silence, and the organist looked unconcerned, but deep within him was a great apprehension. He realized that soon again he would be compelled to strike the same note.

He perceived that the organ was to enter the P pipe and then resolutely pressed the key. The same squeaking, screeching sound came from the pipe, only this time it was louder, and the congregation restrained its amusement with more difficulty.

Soon for a third time the organist found himself compelled to strike the embarrasing note. In desperation he turned into the pipe the full force of air. The shrill shriek that followed surpassed the previous two for an instant and then suddenly ceased. There was a flutter of wings. The congregation laughed aloud as a much-battered sparrow flew out of the pipe and perched on a rafter.

HOW LINCOLN WON A CASE.

His Honesty and Candor Proved a Vital Factor With the Jury.

Justice Brewer in the Atlantic.
The lawyer whose honesty is proved has the confidence of the judge and jury. A story of Abraham Lincoln is an illustration. He was appointed to defend one charged with murder. The crime was a brutal one; the evidence entirely circumstantial; the accused a stranger. Feeling was high and against the friendless defendant. On the trial Lincoln drew from the witnesses full statements of what they saw and knew. There was no effort to confuse, no attempt to place before the jury the facts other than they were. In the argument, after calling attention to the fact that there was no direct testimony, Lincoln reviewed the circumstances, and after conceding that this and that seemed to point to defendant's guilt, closed by saying that he had reflected much on the case, and while it seemed probable that defendant was guilty, he was not sure, and, looking the jury straight in the face, said: "Are you?"

The defendant was acquitted and afterward the real criminal was detected and punished. How different would have been the conduct of many lawyers! Some would have striven to lead the judge into technical errors, and some to appeal to a higher court. Others would have become hoarse in denunciation of witnesses, decrying the lack of positive testimony and the marvelous virtue of a reasonable doubt. The simple, straightforward way of Lincoln, backed by the confidence of the jury, won.

Reluctant Confession.

From the Chicago Tribune.
"Maybelle, has Harry ever kissed you?" "Just once, Gladys; but he begged so hard I couldn't refuse him."

"When was it?" "Last Thursday night."

"Where did he kiss you?" "In this town, of course."

"That doesn't answer my question. Where did he kiss you?"

"At home."

"Where did he kiss you?" "In the conservatory."

"That is another evasion. Where did he kiss you?"

"In the dark."

"You may just as well tell me the straight truth. Where did he kiss you?"

"On the back of my hand, if you think it's any of your business!"

THE MIST.

I fall, I fold
The bill, the wail,
In closely clinging, cool embraces;
I bathe the lifted flower faces,
I spread the lawn with fairy lights,
And show all Nature flayed-styled.

I form, I float,
A waif-like boat,
Among the meadow's low, lush grasses;
In fern and fringe-darting masses,
I glide down the birchen passes—
A gray, old Lear in tattered coat.

I wind, I breathe
A lullaby, breathe
Between its bars, prostrate the morning,
Sit Beauty with a low, faint wailing,
Leave pearls, her moonbeam adorning,
Then steal down vines to the beds beneath.

I creep, I crawl,
By hidden wall,
In through a mouldering gate grating,
To where the dead lie still waiting;
As one that is dead, each grain grating
I trace for the name where my tears shall fall.

—Anne Cleveland Cheney in Putnam's

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GILLETTE TO TESTIFY

His Evidence in Brown Case Will Certainly Go to Jury.

CORONER ALSO TO TAKE STAND

Prosecution Will Attempt to Prove Existence of Blood Clot on Brain That Could Not Be Accounted for on Suicide Theory—Farmers Fear for Turkey—In Good Spirits.

Herkimer, N. Y., Nov. 25.—The climax of the State's case in the trial of Chester Gillette, charged with the murder of Grace Brown, will come to-morrow, when Prosecutor Ward will summon five of the medical witnesses, who, with the coroner, made the post-mortem examination of Grace Brown's body, in an attempt to prove that she was not drowned, and that the injuries that caused her death cannot be accounted for on the theory of suicide.

This was a quiet Sunday for Herkimer, in spite of the case, for, with the prosecution's evidence nearly all in, nothing remained to be discussed by those who have made Gillette's guilt or innocence the entire topic of their conversation, except the line which the defense will follow. Former Senator Mills and Mr. Thomas have kept their line of defense almost an entire secret.

It seems almost unavoidable that the defendant will be put on the stand, as he, of all the witnesses who have testified, seemed able to tell of the last moments of Grace Brown's life, and, although the attorney has not announced the fact, it seems inevitable that he will be called upon to explain the circumstances of the case, which have been brought out, that he will be sworn as a witness to try to explain away the circumstantial evidence that has piled up against him.

Jury Is Lonesome.

The jury spent a rather dismal Sunday, in spite of the fact that the jurors, two by two, attended the Baptist Church for morning service, and the Methodist Episcopal Church in the afternoon. Nine of the twelve jurors are farmers, and the thought of Thanksgiving approaching, with them still locked in their rooms, except for their daily journey to court, weighs upon them. The raising of turkeys is no small industry here, and with nine farmers waiting for evidence and neglecting their live stock, there is no especial joy in the jury.

Many of them raise turkeys for Thanksgiving day only, and